Spreading Wings for Wider Horizons

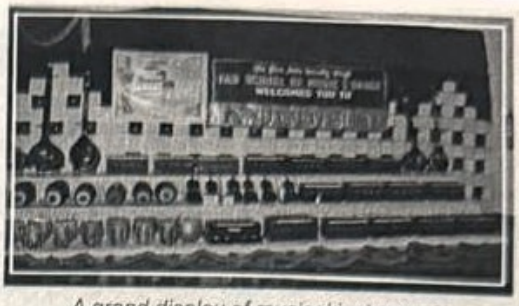
FAS MUSIC SCHOOL

At Vidya-arambham on Vijaya Dashami day, a grand display of over 70 musical instruments was a sight to behold for any music lover. The students thronged the venue for their first lessons on the auspicious day and the place was filled with sound of music.

Very much in demand are the traditional options i.e. Vocal, Mridangam, Violin, Flute and Kuchipudi under Carnatic stream and Vocal, Tabla, Harmonium and Bansuri under Hindustani stream. The new introduction last year - music initiation for the tiny tots-also received enthusiastic response from 25 tiny tots. It only goes to say how important parents think music is for their kids.

The workshops in Guitar & Keyboard are running in full capacity with demands for more batches by the aspiring parents. The Drama workshops are also gaining popularity.

Overall a great start for an eventful year ahead!



A grand display of musical instruments

Parents are as eager as the children, if not more...

Forthcoming Attractions

Thyagaraja Aradhana - 5 February 2006
Sangeet Sabha - January / February 2006
Competition for Endowment Prizes - January 2006
Look out for our announcements

Sri T.S. Nandakumar, our Mridangam teacher, received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the DECENNIAL MUSIC **FEST- 2005**, held in Chennai, on Saturday, 5th November, 2005.

Sri T.S. Nandakumar hails from a family of musicians. He underwent training from Kaitavana Madavadas, a name to reckon with, in the gurukula tradition. In 1998 he founded the TSN's Percussive Arts Centre and is training students in Ghatam, Kanjira, Thavils Konnacol and other percussive instruments besides Mridangam.

From the Secretary's Desk

Dear Members,

The newly constituted Managing Committee, under the Presidentship of Shri K. Ganesh Kumar, assumed office on the Independence Day, 15th August, 2005. In the maiden speech he made, the President emphasised that during his tenure of 2 years, he would prioratise several aspects and would like to induct youngsters with enthusiasm and innovative ideas to bring in changes in-keeping with the changing times.

For me it was a pleasant surprise to be chosen as the Hon. Secretary. However, I am confident of achieving the desired goals with the dynamic new team.

The Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated in September 2005 with usual Pooja and Prasadams. Several cultural events were presented. This was followed by the Onam celebrations. More than 500 people enjoyed the delicious dishes of Onam Sadya. The entertainment in which many VIPs participated was a colourful event.

Bombay Jayshree and Party regaled the audience in a packed hall. In October 2005, Shri S. U. Sitaram Memorial concert featured Nedunuri Shri Krishnamoorthy, ably supported by Malladi Brothers. This was well received by the members.

Navrati Celebration began well with religious fervour by chanting Lalitha Sahasranam. The Family Circle arranged cultural events culminating in the Music School's Vijayadashami Celebrations. There was a grand display of musical instruments. The induction of TINY TOTS, a novel concept, received good support from the parents.

November witnessed a Dance Ballet based on the works 'Sri Vedanta Maha Desikan' presented by Dr. Gita Kasturi and a Violin recital by the Popular Lalgudi siblings Shri G.J.R. Krishnan and Ms. Vijayalakshmi. Ms. Prateesha Suresh presented 'SATRIYA', an Assamese Dance in December.

The All Mumbai Drawing Competition and the SWARAADHANA both organized by the Yuv Shakti was a great success. The Swaraadhana was a major attraction and Shri Palakkad Sreeram followed this up with an appropriate demonstration of the technology prevalent in the recording industry.

The Fine Arts Society is also alive to its Social responsibilities. As suggested by our Chairman Shri V. Ramadurai, we distributed over 1200 dozens of notebooks to five different schools. The poor children who lost their books in the havoc of 26th July were immensely thankful to the FAS gesture.

We are now all set to have an exciting INDRADHANUSH MAHOTSAV 2006 in January 2006. Programmes will feature artistes of International fame and it is our request that you support these spontaneously in whatever manner to make these events a grand success. The three-day Carantic Events in February will feature the best of Carnatic Music.

Lastly all these have been possible with your active support and we solicit the same in future.

With warm regards and wishing you all a Very Happy New Year and PONGAL.

P. R. Raju
Hon. Secretary - Managing Committee